

TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
March 5, 2015

Present: Knox, Coughlin, Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by chair Knox.

The January 8, 2015 meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Coughlin/Knox.

Walton is working on enlisting more SWAC members. Naoris Burgos would like to serve on the committee and her name has been forwarded to the committee on committees. Walton will contact Doug Goodstein to see if he has the interest and availability to serve on the committee.

It was decided to make May 2, 2015, the Saturday after UConn's spring weekend, Rid Litter day. Knox reported that Girl Scout leader Laura Wright will help publicize Rid Litter day through the schools by making posters. Knox will ask Wright, who works at EO Smith High School, if EO Smith will promote Rid Litter day as a way to fulfill students community service hours. Knox stated that the Girl Scouts are agreeable to work on the Birch Road bikeway. Knox will also contact the Boy Scouts. Walton brought a list of roads that need clean up and adopt-a-road participants that live near the roads. It was decided to keep the day similar to previous years with a focus on these locations:

Mansfield City south of Stearns – Walton will contact volunteers, including Cub Scout Pack 61  
Pleasant Valley, from Mansfield City and Mansfield Ave – Knox will contact volunteers including the boy scouts  
Birch & Rte 44 bikeway – Knox will work with the Girl Scouts  
Gurleyville, from Rte 195 to Chaffeeville – Naoris Burgos will be asked to contact volunteers  
Chaffeeville – Walton will contact volunteers  
South Eagleville Rd, from Rte 195 to Maple - Walton will ask Arnold Air Society Brundage Squadron for help  
Flaherty – Coughlin will enlist volunteers

Members reviewed the pages out of the Mansfield Tomorrow plan that focus on resource conservation. For the month of March comments about the plan can be made on-line from the [www.mansfieldct.gov](http://www.mansfieldct.gov) website.

Walton reported that the Town Council will be considering the "Near Zero Waste" resolution at its March 23, 2015 meeting. SWAC members were encouraged to make comments on the resolution during the public comment period at 7:30 pm on March 23, 2015.

Members were shown information from the Victoria County, Nova Scotia's on-line waste wizard. The waste wizard, offered as an add-on to their website through the company ReCollect, allows viewers to quickly find out how to handle items for disposal. Staff has been evaluating whether it is worthwhile trying it for a year on the Mansfield website. Members agreed that it could be a useful tool, but should be revisited after one year of use.

Walton stated that because she gets inquiries about paper shredding services, she looked into the cost of offering a paper shredding event. After contacting two different vendors, InfoShred and Shred –It, the cost would range from \$600 to \$800 for a 2 to 4 hour event. Members were in favor of offering a shredding event with a user charge that covers the cost of the event. Walton will find out what other communities charge and anticipated use per hour.

The next meeting will be May 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton

Recycling/Refuse Coordinator